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Rich Berberian, editor

The coin market continues at a pace not seen since the late 1980's. It seems that all dealers are experiencing difficulty in purchasing nice coins, whether they are circulated or certified. Many old time collectors have seen this cycle before, and the question is whether the price of rare coins is going to continue to climb, or fall back to lower levels.

A few coins come to mind to illustrate the state of the coin market. A 1932-D Washington quarter, graded MS-63 by PCGS is one. It sold one or two years ago in the \$600-\$700 range. The same coin would cost approximately \$2,000 today. Is this a function of the quarter becoming more rare in a year? It seems that this may be a classic example of supply and demand at work, and new collectors might just have to put out several more dollars to get a hold of a '32-D quarter in this grade, or hold off until the demand for Washington quarters subsides (if and when that happens is anybody's guess, but there does seem to be more downside risk in a coin such as this one, than upside potential, so it might just be worth the wait until it becomes affordable again).

In any case, while the time to buy or sell may not be clear, one thing that always remains clear is to continue to enjoy ourselves when it comes to collecting and appreciating rare and unusual coins.

This edition of the Journal is chock full of interesting information, with a significant GSNA development being the unveiling of an Internet website, which we strongly encourage you to visit. The web address is www.gsna.org This excellent website was assembled by Carl Clegg, the GSNA's new treasurer. Your feedback to Carl would also be appreciated, as the GSNA has truly entered the twenty-first century.

President's Message

Dear fellow members,

Hope everyone had a great summer and I certainly hope we saw you at our 27th annual convention. Once again, our convention chairman, Tom Hyland outdid himself and produced a three day numismatic extravaganza. Congratulations and thanks to Tom and the rest of the GSNA board members and club reps and volunteers who made the entire convention possible. It was simply outstanding. Thanks to Ray Williams for the exhibit program and specialty meetings. Thanks to Larry Gentile for another outstanding Y/N program. Congratulations to the 2002 award recipients, Larry Gentile, GSNA's numismatist of the year and to the Roxbury coin club, GSNA club of the year. A special thanks to Jim Majoros, our 1st vice-president and master of ceremonies. Next year's convention is scheduled for May 15, 16, 17th 2003, hope to see you there.

Please join me in welcoming our new Treasurer, Carl Clegg, thanks to Doug DelGueurcio and Carl the transition went very smoothly and I'm happy to report the finances of the GSNA are sound and in excellent hands. In just a few months, Carl has had a profound effect on the GSNA with the introduction of the new GSNA web site www.gsna.org. If you would like to become a sponsor or provide an article for our site, please contact Carl, contact info. on Page 3.

Thanks to Spencer Peck (Mr. New Jersey Quarter) for donating the domain name gsna.org to the organization.

I recommend all members visit our web site often for the latest GSNA news and happenings. Carl did a wonderful job on the site and we present as much information as possible. Visit the site and you find the following topics, history, leadership, educational articles and much more. Links are provided to the ANA, member clubs, as well as local dealers sponsoring our web hosting.

We have been moving in this direction for some time and I'm very pleased to announce that we have finally arrived on the internet. It provides the ability to reach out to new members and communicate effectively with our existing members. While we are on the subject of communications, when you receive the upcoming member survey, please include your email address so we may add you to our address book for future GSNA notices.

GSNA elections take place in April 2003. If you would like to volunteer to be an officer or would like to nominate a fellow member, please contact Jim Majoros for requirements, contact info on last page. I must mention that I will be stepping down after this year, as my term limits expire per our by-laws. I plan to remain active in the organization as a club representative. After serving five years, it's time for new leadership. Spencer Peck has been nominated to serve as President and he has my complete support and best wishes.

Honorary life member, Harold Flartey passed away recently, a friend to us all, Harold was a prolific numismatic writer and lecturer. He will be missed greatly, our sincere condolences to Harold's family and friends.

President's Message (cont.)

I'm sorry to mention , a handful of memberships are delinquent, we don't want to lose anyone. If you have received a 'final' dues notice, please renew your membership, we need your membership and support.

Congratulations to Dr. Tom Bush, who recently earned his doctorate from Brown University.

Conratulations to Y/N Jay Feldman who recently won, not one, but two ANA literary awards at this year's convention in New York.

Thank you to Harry Garrison for allowing us to display the affects of irradiated coins during our convention.

On behalf of the GSNA, our heartfelt wishes and prayers to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clegg and family.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Current GSNA Leadership



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First Vice-President

Jim Majoros

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Jim Majoros is an active member and officer of the Ocean County Coin Club where he has served as Librarian and Corresponding Secretary and is currently President and Newsletter Editor. Jim was a Corresponding Secretary for the GSNA before becoming the 1st Veep. He is the ANA National YN Coordinator. Jim collects Wright Brothers medals and tokens as well as other types numismatic collectibles.



Second Vice-President

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Ray Williams is President of the Colonial Coin Collectors Club, VP of the NJNS, active in EAC, CNL, PAN, NJES, and TNC. Ray collects and studies US Colonial Coins while specializing in NJ Coppers.



Treasurer

Carl Clegg

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Carl Clegg is a self-employed consultant. He is married to DeLite and has four girls: Naomi, Jenalyn, Rebekah, and Carly Ann. He is past President of the Roxbury Coin Club and active member of Roxbury and Hackettstown Coin Clubs, the ANA, and GSNA. His collecting focus is on columnarios (aka, Spanish Milled Dollars). Visit his website at www.columnarios.com.

Clubs Around the State

News of past and Upcoming Events by your Coin Club
MONDAY EVENINGS

Forks of the Delaware Club

meets at the Grace Lutheran Church on Rosebury Street and Rt 22 in Phillipsburg, NJ on **the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm** (except on holidays and Labor Day then the second Monday)

Rod Rufe, President

Sussex County Coin Club

Meets at the VFW on 66 Main Street, Sparta, NJ
the second Monday of the month

Joe Burne, President

New Jersey Numismatic Society

meets at the Helen Chase Room of the Madison, NJ Public Library
the third Monday of the month

Ray Flanagan President, Internet: coinguy@erols.com

The NJNS was established in 1933 and has met continuously since then. It is open to all persons interested in numismatics, ranging from ancients to modern coinage.

Trenton Numismatic Club

Meets at the Jewish Community Center 999 Lower Ferry Road in Ewing Township, NJ on **the fourth Monday of each month.**

Dave Ronco, President - Address c/o TNC, PO Box 8122, Trenton, NJ 08650

TUESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Northern Valley Coin Club

Meets in the social hall of Demarest Methodist Church, 109 Hardenburgh Ave Demarest, NJ at 7 30pm on the **fourth Tuesday of the month.**

John Lorenzo, President

At the September meeting, Mark Auerbach spoke about the paper currency of Passaic County involving National Bank Notes and later the introduction of the smaller size currency similar to what we see in circulation today. This made for a truly interesting and entertaining evening. Back in June, Frank Dolan gave an interesting presentation on Civil War tokens, a fascinating and under appreciated field in U.S. numismatics.

NJ Exonumia Society

George Skic – President

Steve Middleton – VP, Membership and Publicity Chairman

The club held it's annual meeting on June 1st, at the GSNA Convention. If you are interested in joining the club (dealing with tokens, medals and items related to numismatics), contact Steve Middleton at PO Box 83, Boonton, NJ 07005.

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In accordance with Article VI of the by-laws, President Boh Beels has issued a call for officer nominations to be elected during 2003 for a period of two years. The terms of the present officers expire June 30, 2003 and all officers are eligible for re-election except the President. In order to be a candidate for office, a member must receive at least two nominations from member clubs in good standing and at least two nominations from individual members in good standing. In club nominations, at least two officers must sign for the club, listing their name and address. A member may not nominate him or herself, but may be solicited and accumulated by anyone who is in good standing and desirous of holding an elected office.

Forward nominations to Tom Rothacker Sr, Secretary, GSNA, Box 561, Middlesex, NJ 08846.

Deadline for submissions is February 28, 2003. A copy of a club nomination format is shown in this issue on page 15. Individual nominations may be forwarded via a short memo or letter.



Jay Feldman (l) of Red Bank, GSNA & Ocean County Coin Club member, receives his 1st place Abe Kosoff Memorial Literary Award from ANA Museum Collections Manager Chris Connell. Jay won the award for his article, "Chinese Coins: Spades and Knives." Jay also won a 2nd place award in the Gould Memorial Literary competition for his article, "The Circulating Coins of Colonial and Early America, 1615-1790." Jay is hoping to get a chance next summer to attend the ANA Summer Seminar for his initial visit. Chris Connell is former 1st VP and NJNJ Editor of GSNA.

Clubs Around the State

TUESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Ocean County Coin Club

Meets in the Brick Township, NJ Municipal Complex the **first and third Tuesdays of the month**
Jim Majoros, President

The club's recent show, held in September, was a tremendous success with over 350 people attending and 25 dealers set up. The show highlights included a free coin auction for YN's and an active YN table with a number of juniors attempting to open a treasure chest. Club YN member Jay Feldman recently won two literary awards at the ANA show in New York City. The Abe Kosoff Memorial Literary Award is presented to the YN who writes the best article or gives the best talk on a numismatic topic in 2001, and Jay took 1st and 2nd prize for his topics, "Chinese Coins: Spades and Knives", and his article on "The Circulating Coins of Colonial and Early America, 1615-1790". Congratulations to Jay for an excellent job!

Watchung Hills Coin Club

Meets on the **second Tuesday of the month**, at O'Conner's Steak and Ale Restaurant on Mountain Blvd in Warren, NJ - 7:30pm
Dave Bailey, President

The club recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary, having been established back in 1982 by current member, Peter Doelger, owner of Doelger's Gallery of Coins located in Warren, NJ.

Club members attended a mock auction at Pete's shop for the 1933 twenty Dollar gold piece recently auctioned off, and \$50 was raised and donated to the Club.

Club member Greg Heim recently gave a very informative presentation on early half cent varieties, which was well received by the members.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Roxbury Coin Club

meets at the Roxbury Twp Library, 103 Main St, Succasunna, NJ
on the **first Wednesday of the month** (from 7:00 PM)
Joe Burne, President

The club's guest speaker for the October meeting was Steve Middleton, who presented a program on Medals and Pocket Change from a World War I soldier. The YN speaker was Ed Kell, with a program on Washington quarters. Other topics discussed recently included Harry Resigno's talk on Numismatic literature, and Mike Fey's presentation dealing with the Franklin Half Dollar series.

The Club also sponsored a bus trip back in August to the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York for the ANA convention.

Clubs Around the State

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Hackettstown Coin Club

Meets at the Hackettstown Community Center on Rte. 46 at 7.30pm
on the **fourth Wednesday of the month**

Frank Dolan, President

The club recently held a successful show in September, and have plans for future shows to be held at the American Legion Hall on Willow Grove Street in Hackettstown on March 30th and October 26th, 2003.

Westchester County Coin Club #062

Meets 8 p.m. on the **third Wednesday of the month**

at the Community Meeting Room of St. Pius X School on Ramsey Road in Scarsdale, NY

Club mailing address is P.O. Box 272, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547-0272

Jonathan Lerner, President

The club held it's annual auction at the October meeting, with a competitive exhibit night as the highlight of the June show. Best in show was won by Larry Gentile, Sr., First place by Bill Shutts and second place by Noel Seicol. M.D.

Recent club speakers have included Wolfgang Stupel whose talk dealt with "Coins as investments", and Peter Stewart with a slide presentation through the Middle East.

THURSDAY EVENING CLUBS

The Currency Club of Chester County

Meets on the **3rd Thursday each month** at 7:00 P.M.

at Borough Hall located on the corner of Adams and Gay Streets in West Chester, Pa

Nelson Page Aspen, club contact person

The club held it's annual Pig Roast on August 15th at the Waltz Golf Farm, which was a grand success. Thanks once again go out to Ray and Diane Waltz for a fabulous afternoon and evening.

Clifton Coin Club

meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday** at 7:30pm at the Clifton Recreation Dept. 1232 Main St in Clifton, NJ.

Frank Ortega, President, contact person- Betty Kapchus at cavellplace@aol.com

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Summit/Chatham Coin Club

Meets at the Chatham Boro Fire House, 54 Fairmont Ave. Chatham Boro on the **second Friday of each month**.

Warren Rymer, President

Saturdays

Classical Numismatic Society

meets at 1:00 pm on the **2nd Saturday of the month** at Wm. Rohrer Memorial Library meeting room MacArthur Dr. and Cuthbert Blvd. in Haddon Twp. NJ

Herb Matthews, Jr. President Meetings include a presentation on Greek or Roman coins

To include your club's news and events in the next edition of the New Jersey Numismatic Journal, contact the editor at richberb@hotmail.com

GSNA Dealer Profile

This edition's featured dealer profile is Dave Wilson, proprietor of Dave's Coins, Jackson, NJ and is written by Jim Majoros (without Dave's knowledge).

Twenty-three years ago, Dave Wilson had a job. It was a 9 to 5 job with insurance and pension benefits, working as a senior program analyst in the computer field. At the same time, Dave had a part-time job as a coin dealer, setting up at coin club meetings in the evenings and doing an occasional coin club show on a Sunday. Not really unhappy with his full-time job, he preferred learning and dealing with coins a whole lot more. Now this is where we set the stage - - Supporting Nedra, his wife, Dawn and Eric, his children and two cats, Dave had a decision to make. Lose all the benefits with his full-time job and go into an enjoyable occupation or remain status-quo and not fully enjoy the work he was doing.

In 1979, Dave gave it all up - health benefits, pension, group insurance and a steady paycheck for a job that could have its ups and downs just like the stock market. Buying and selling coins could even turn into a disaster if the economy went downhill and no one could afford hobby purchases let alone buying coins as an investment. All these years and Dave has never regretted his difficult family decision. However, at times when the precious metals market takes a turn for the worse, he has had some second thoughts, but he has trudged through some difficult times and maintained a steady flow of income for his family.

Dave's forte in numismatics, as in many other areas, is his knowledge. Once he grasps on to something, he doesn't forget it - one of the reasons many collectors and dealers alike, benefit from his expertise. During these 23 years, Dave has expended all his efforts in the hobby by attending club meetings, club shows and working with customers and dealers. He has a reputation of being fair with everyone he comes in contact with, another reason why he has been most effective in being a full time dealer.

Dave is a life member of the ANA and GSNA (L-072) as well as a number of other numismatic associations and clubs, and has been recognized as GSNA's Numismatist of the Year and Ocean County's Numismatist of the Year. His overall knowledge of the hobby and continuing

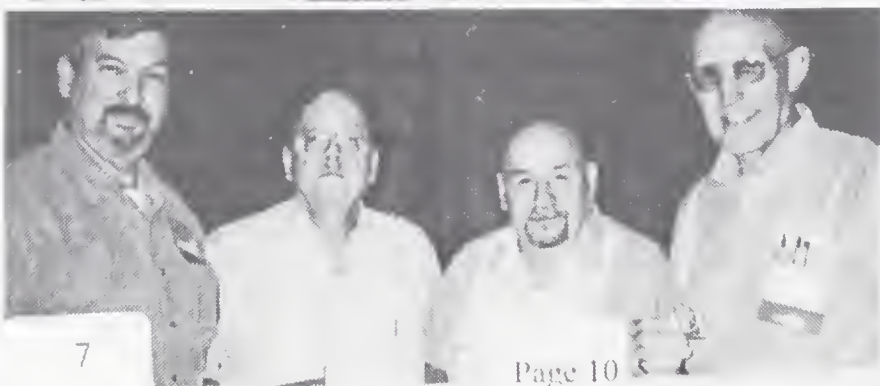
educational presentations have earned him the respect and awards he has garnered in the past. He is a past authenticator for the Original Hoho Nickel Society and has never lost his love for original engravings of the Buffalo nickels of the past. He is an avid collector as well as he has an outstanding collection of Ocean County and New Jersey notes including Bergen Iron Works and Howell Works tokens.

He has accomplished a great deal by making that decision in 1979 not only for himself, but for the many individuals he has touched with his knowledge and fairness.

Jim



Dave Wilson doing one of his many
"Show & Tells" at club meetings.





Kari Brower (l) receives a one million dollar bogus note from Frank Dolan, who presented his illustrious "Do You Want to be a Millionaire" program in July at the Ocean County Coin Club.



Larry Gentile, center, receives the Garden State Numismatic Association Numismatist of the Year honors from GSNA vice presidents Jim Majoros, left, and Ray Williams. Gentile earned the award "for his tremendous dedication to the numismatic growth of the youth of our country and his voluntary performance of YN programs," according to the GSNA. The presentation took place during the organization's 27th annual convention in Somerset, N.J., May 30-June 1.

Garden State hails convention success

The Garden State Numismatic Association announced its 27th annual convention was successful. The convention took place in Somerset, N.J. at the Ukrainian Cultural Center on May 30-June 1.

There were approximately 60 dealers there, drawing more than 750 visitors over the show's three days.

Visitors could view 10 educational exhibits. Two People's Choice awards were given, one to Larry Gentile and one to Jim Majoros.

GSNA held a New Jersey token and medal show, taught by five of the dealers. Meetings by Colonial Coin Collectors Club, Early American Coppers, GSNA and

New Jersey Exonomia Society occurred Saturday.

Gentile also conducted the Young Numismatist program. He later was given the GSNA Numismatist of the Year Award, which carries a plaque and a \$100 Savings Bond.

Another award, Coin Club of the Year, went to the Roxbury Coin Club, accepted by GSNA board and RCC member Steve Sauchelli.

The 28th annual convention is slated for May 15-17, 2003, at the same location.

Learn more about the Garden State Numismatic Association by writing Tom Rothacker, GSNA, P.O. Box 561, Middlesex, NJ 08846.

YN COIN ZONE

Hello YN's (Young Numismatists for those not sure of the abbreviation.) This is GSNA's introduction of a YN column that hopefully will stimulate YN's to do a little bit more than just be a member of a State association and participate in it's annual convention Saturday YN program and possibly read the NJNJ (what you are reading now).

First - our YN membership, consisting of 13, are: Adam Behr, Brick, NJ; David Brown, Princeton, NJ; Jenalyn Clegg, Landing, NJ; Greg Cohen, Hillsdale, NJ; Jared Dolan, Delaware Water Gap, PA; Jay Feldman, Red Bank, NJ; August Fietkau Jr, Staten Island, NY; Sam Franklin, Montclair, NJ; Alex Galitzer, Fanwood, NJ; Jason Kessler, Millville, NJ; Michael Nemerof, Cherry Hill, NJ; Chris Paci, Manalapan, NJ and Jon Poritz, Paramus, NJ. Second - it is assumed all 13 of the above are under 18 years of age, because upon attaining 18, you become eligible to become a regular member.

Did you know there is an ANA Newsletter just for YN's? To insure you all know what ANA stands for, it is "American Numismatic Association," an organization that has approximately 30,000 members, of which approximately 1,000 are junior members (YN) just like you, unless you already are an ANA member. If you are, please let me know. To subscribe to the weekly "Your Newsletter" e-publication, just e-mail, "YourNewsletter@money.org" and ask to be placed on the subscription list and include your name and please advise me. The ANA also offers scholarships to YN's, who are ANA members, for their week long seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. If interested, e-mail me your questions.

Want to obtain a foreign paper money note and a foreign coin free? Answer the following questions correctly and you will:

- 1 - What states quarter had the most uncirculated mintage (P & D Mints) to date?
- 2 - George Washington has been on the obverse of the quarter since what year?
- 3 - After 1964, the quarter was minted in what metal?

Need your answers by December 15, 2002 and include your name. I have your address on our records. My e-mail address is: major@ameri-com.com - if no e-mail, mail to: GSNA, 65 - 16th St, Toms River, NJ 08753. You may also include any comments or questions.

Jim Majoros
YN Coordinator

The GSNA is looking for nominations for it's Numismatists of the Year for 2003 to be presented at their annual convention May 15-17, 2003. Nominations may be submitted for:

Club of the Year

Numismatist of the Year (Adult)

Young Numismatist (YN) of the Year

The GSNA recognition program began in 1997 with awards every year for its Numismatist of the Year and Club of Year awards. This is the first year a YN will be part of the recognition program. Recommendations should be signed by the recommending individual to include address and phone number and will include a summary of the club's or individual's numismatic activities and/or accomplishments to warrant the award.

Eligibility for awards consists of: Clubs must be GSNA members and individuals must be a GSNA member or a member of a GSNA club. The club of the year receives a \$100 check and the two numismatists of the year each receive a \$100 savings bond. A club may not win two consecutive years. Last year's winner was the Roxbury Coin Club. Individuals who have been honored in the past for this award were Dave Wilson, Kari Brower, Steve Middleton, Arno Safran, Frank Dolan and Larry Gentile. Current GSNA officers are not eligible for the award.

Submit recommendations no later than March 31st, 2003 to GSNA c/o 65 - 16th St, Toms River, NJ 08753. For additional info, call 732/255-6911 or e-mail: major@ameri-com.com



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by Ed Lee

The image shows two US coins. The coin on the left is a 1976 Bicentennial quarter, featuring the Statue of Liberty and the text "1776-1976" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The coin on the right is a 1994 quarter, featuring an eagle and the text "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "ONE QUARTER DOLLAR".



1 - Opening ceremonies (l to r) Joe Burne, Doug DelGuercio, Jim Majoros, Dennis Berube, Frank Dolan, Pete Wacker, Ron Thompson, Tom Hyland, Ray Williams & GSNA President Bob Beels. 2 - GSNA General Membership meeting 3 - NJES General Membership meeting 4 - EAC & C4 Regional meeting with Chuck Heck briefing 5 & 6 - Presenting GSNA Awards of the Year are Ray Williams (2VP) & Jim Majoros (1VP) to Steve Sauchelli accepting for Roxbury CC and Larry Gentile as the GSNA Numismatist of the Year. 7 - Ray Williams (l) Exhibits Chairperson presents exhibit awards to (l to r) Dave Wilson, Larry Gentile and Jim Majoros

by Gregory S. Heim, LM-264

Having moved to a new town last August, I thought it would be a good idea to give a talk at my new town's Adult School during National Coin Week. Last fall, I arranged it with the Adult School coordinator. The program would be a two hour presentation entitled "Coin Collecting Workshop." The program ran Thursday, April 25, 2002 from 7PM-9PM. It was attended by eight people. All of the attendees were beginning collectors which virtually no numismatic experience. Two of the attendees were primarily interested in getting an on-the-spot evaluation of their coins.

The purpose of the presentation was to provide the attendees with a numismatic primer. The very first thing we did was go over some basic terms such as "numismatic," "obverse," and "reverse." Afterward, we reviewed a three page information sheet containing coin clubs, local coin dealers, numismatic books, periodicals, and web sites. Several examples of the periodicals and books were on hand.

After reviewing the information sheet, we discussed the theme for National Coin Week; "The Changing Faces of Time." References were made to coinage throughout history such as Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, the Middle Ages, all the way to the United States. It was the theme of our One Cent denomination to which I expounded. Via illustration and actual examples, I discussed the evolution of our One Cent denomination from the 1793 Chain Cent to the discontinuation of the Large Cent, and the beginnings of the Small Cent to our present day One Cent coin. One person was amazed that there were three different designs for the same year (1793 Chain, 1793 Wreath, and 1793 Liberty Cap). Another person was amazed that the coins were almost the same size as a Half Dollar, an observation which I thought was quite acute.

I went over some introductory numismatic principles such as basic grading, etiquette, investing, security, buying/selling, and the differences between wholesale and retail. Grading and the subject of wholesale/retail held everyone's interest for about 15-20 minutes.

The other topic which was discussed in detail was coin cleaning. One of the people had cleaned all of her Barber Quarters (All AG-G, no rare dates) with silver cleaner because they were dirty. She asked me if that was a bad thing to do, to which I (naturally) replied "yes." You could see the look of disappointment in her face. This moment came into full play when the etiquette portion of our discussion occurred. She commended me on how I handled such a delicate situation, to which I was grateful.

After the planned portion of our discussion, we had about an hour for questions. There were many beginning collectors, so the time should have flown by. Well, after about three or four questions that was it. I was a bit disappointed and surprised.

After giving it some thought, my disappointment disappeared. Instead, I look at the evening as a success. Eight people went home with more information than when they left. Maybe none of them will go on and pursue the hobby, but maybe they will know how to guide a friend or relative if they show interest. Maybe they will never look at an obsolete coin the same way. In this hobby, we often take the scholarship for granted. Even the casual enthusiast is more involved than they think. I felt it important to paint a realistic picture of what it takes to become an experienced collector.

I encourage others to reach out into their communities and do similar programs. Giving your time is a great and selfless way of sharing the enjoyment of numismatics with others. I know already what I will be doing for National Coin Week 2003 thanks to all of the experiences I have had this year.

Grass Roots Numismatics

by Peter Koch

I had the pleasure recently of attending as guest a meeting of one of our Garden State Numismatic Association's member-clubs. We all frequent shows, where a bourse is the main attraction, but many of us may be guilty of not really attending local coin club meetings. I was delighted to take advantage of an invitation to attend the June meeting of the Northern Valley Coin Club in Demarest, NJ; I thoroughly enjoyed it and will make it more of a priority to visit clubs throughout the area in the future. A genuine thanks to NVCC president John Lorenzo and to all the members for making a visitor feel right at home; but then, Northern Valley CC members have always had a warm way of doing that. A writer could never forget a rain-soaked evening some 27-years-ago when a youthful collector and his banged-up sedan somehow finally arrived at a NVCC meeting already in progress. Wet (the windshield leaked), late, and embarrassed, the tenderfoot was warmly greeted by senior members and given a feast of coin books to take home. By the end of that night walking back to the car, a fledgling collector had only two things on his mind: that the car would start, and that no matter what, he'd always be involved with coins for the rest of his life.

Our greater tri-state area has a long history and rich tradition of active local coin clubs. As Garden State Numismatic Association members we are especially fortunate in having a number of vibrant local clubs available to us. An important feature in every edition of GSNA's *New Jersey Numismatic Journal* is the updated "Clubs Around the State" listings. This published listing details the various local coin clubs throughout the state, with news of the local clubs' past and upcoming events, including club meeting dates, location, times and contact names. GSNA members should advantage themselves--and enhance their collecting pursuits--by attending one or more of these events. Guests are always welcome and meetings are regularly scheduled at convenient locations and times to fit most everyone's busy schedule.

Every club is unique, adopting their own set of procedures, schedules, and events. Clubs certainly encourage members' full participation, yet allow for individuals to set their own comfortable pace. Of course, nothing's new, the more you put into something, the much more you get back.

One common and popular feature with local clubs for members to share their unique knowledge or collecting specialty is meeting time set aside for Show 'n' Tell. While you may not collect the topic under discussion by a fellow member, the sources, the related background, published references, or the personal experiences in acquiring their particular collectable may reveal just the kernel of information you've been searching for.



Northern Valley Coin Club's session this past June was the club's 365th meeting and was especially enlightening. GSNA member Frank Dolan was the evening's featured speaker. Armed with projector and large overhead visuals (I understand we have Ray Williams to thank for the superb photography and transparencies), Frank treated an attentive audience with an eloquent and informative presentation on Civil War Tokens. A fascinating historical series that has long been enjoyed by a select group of devotees, and, along with other wonderfully collectable treasures just outside the U.S. numismatic mainstream, have gained increased collector-interest recently. A growing number of collectors have recognized collections of tokens have been highlights in some of the greatest cabinets ever formed. Tokens present a challenge yet a nicely represented collection is within reach of the average collector. Frank Dolan's presentation included reading recommendations --yes my friends, once again the familiar call to "Buy The Book!"

Tokens; nicely organized, individually selected, you could see an eye for quality here. The presentation was a model of grace and patience. Frank fielded members' questions that extended past meeting's end where a number of us gathered for an up-close look at his material and "one more question." All this in the face of a midweek late hour and a long commute back home. This is the kind of sharing, and just one of the distinctions that made Frank a clear choice recently for GSNA Numismatist of The Year. Congrats, Frank, and our genuine thanks.

Support for the local club has come from all levels. American Numismatic Association President John Wilson underscored the importance of coin clubs as "the lifeblood of our hobby," devoting no less than two "From Your President" columns in recent issues of *The Numismatist*. The June 2002 issue outlined the high value and the many benefits offered with local clubs and urged everyone to get out of our "easy chair[s] and join a local coin club..." The ANA's Club Representative Program and its renewed pledge to local clubs with new and improved representation was featured in the August 2002 edition; saluting the Program's many hard-working volunteers and restating ANA's commitment to do everything in its power to help local clubs "survive and thrive."

Down through the years, the local coin club has been the "grass roots" of numismatics. No matter what your collecting passions may be, local club meetings afford the wonderful opportunity to meet other collectors in a warm, friendly environment to share knowledge and to learn something new. And that's always a good thing.



DEADLINE: February 28, 2003

GARDEN STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
A.N.A. LIFE MEMBER CLUB #017

NOMINATION FORM

The undersigned, hereby nominate the following persons for the offices indicated.

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nominates the above named for the office indicated. We the
undersigned, hereby declare/attest that the majority of the
general membership of the named club, know of and approve
this nomination. (TWO club officials MUST sign.)

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At the GSNA Association's Sept meeting in Parsippany, President Bob Beels (l) presented a certificate of appreciation to newly appointed Treasurer Carl Clegg for his engineering the GSNA website project. Carl designed and built the <www.gsna.org> site, which is up and operational. Carl is past president of the Roxbury Coin Club.

Welcome to the newest GSNA members:

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| R-1466 Jon DeRoma | R-1484 David Gwynn |
| R-1467 Deborah Shields | R-1485 Dr. Ian Langer |
| J-1468 Jay Feldman | R-1486 Gerald A. Levis |
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| R-1479 Robert DeBello | R-1497 Carl Clegg |
| R-1480 Paul Edwards | J-1498 Jenalyn Clegg |
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| R-1482 David J. Ginsburg | J-1500 Adam Behr |
| R-1483 Paul Guarino | R-1501 Rudy Bescherer |
| | R-1502 Richard Tatham |

Harold Flartey, a longtime Mine Hill, New Jersey coin collector and numismatic author, died after a long illness at the age of 88. Ironically, he died on the final day of the recent American Numismatic Association's Annual Convention, on Sunday, August 4th.

Many GSNA members will recall Harold's column, "*Coins and You*", which ran for fifteen years in the *Morristown Sunday Record*, beginning in 1973. Harold served for many years on the boards and behind the scenes for many local coin clubs in New Jersey. He wrote many coin club newsletters and articles, and frequently gave numismatic presentations. He was past president of the New Jersey Numismatic Society and the Wharton Coin Club. Mr. Flartey also whimsically founded the Screndipity Coin Club, whose only requirement for lifetime membership was that the collector had to have "found" a coin on the sidewalk or elsewhere. Harold was especially encouraging to many young numismatists, and went out of his way to help them learn about the hobby.

He was awarded seven Maurice M. Gould Memorial Awards by the Numismatic Literary Guild for his coin columns. Some of his other awards for service to the numismatic hobby include the New Jersey Numismatic Society's Charles Nettleship Award, the Hackettstown Coin Club's Mary and Leon Grant Memorial Award, and Honorary Life Membership in the Garden State Numismatic Association.

Harold was a printer by trade, retiring in 1977 from New Jersey's *Daily Record*. In addition to writing about coins, he also penned a weekly jazz column, "*Music Makers*", which spanned three decades. Mr. Flartey is survived by Sylvia, his wife of 67 years, sons Roger and Raymond, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harold will be fondly remembered by those in the hobby who knew him for his special brand of humor. He kept collectors laughing for many years with the sharp wit in his words of numismatic wisdom.

Harold, we will miss you!

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Recording Secretary **Peter Wacker**
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Pete Wacker is a retired Professor of Geography (Rutgers - New Brunswick). He collects colonial and early post-colonial Latin American coins and nineteenth and twentieth-century Latin American tokens and medallions. He also collects Greek coins, Celtic coins, and New Jersey exnumia.



Corresponding Secretary **Tom Rothacker**
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Tom is a teacher of Industrial Arts and Technology Education for the Somerville NJ Public Schools. He has been an educator for 30 years. He is married to Eileen, his wife of 28 years and has two sons, Thomas Jr. and Douglas.

Tom has been an avid numismatist since he was 12 years old and has had memberships in a variety of numismatic organizations -- including: The Liberty Seated Collectors Club, The Barber Collectors Society, and The Early American Coppers Club. He is presently the editor of the Hills Numismatist, the newsletter of the Watchung Hills Coin Club for which he has been an active member for 6 years.

Tom's numismatic interests include Barber coinage, Bust Half Dollars, and Milled Pillar and Bust coinage of Colonial Spain.



NJNJ Journal Editor **Richard Berberian**
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Richard Berberian is a financial professional and father of three, who has been a collector / investor / collector for about 40 years. He collects US type coins with a focus on proof type and early gold. Rich believes in buying the coin, not the holder, and prefers PCGS or NGC-certified coins.



Convention Chairman **Tom Hyland**
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Tom retired in 1998 from 32 years as a high school mathematics teacher, the last 28 at West Milford, NJ. His collecting interests include Half Cents and Bust Halves. Tom is member of the ANA, EAC, NJNS, and local coin clubs. He is a part-time dealer in US Coins and you can usually see him set up for business at your local and regional coin shows. His website is at www.coincache.com.

GSNA Slide Sets and Video Programs

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- 4 Scottish Coins - Gold from Robert III to William III (Seaby) w/script
- 5 English Coins from the British Royal Mint (Seaby) w/tape
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- 7 Coins and Medals of the Renaissance w/script
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- 9 Byzantine Coins in Gold, Silver and Copper (Seaby) w/script
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- 11 Israel Coins and Medals reflect Jewish History and Traditions w/script & tape
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- 13 We Care About Eagles (National Wildlife Foundation) w/tape
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21. **Money In Early America (ANS) w/tape**
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- 25 Roman Medallions w/script
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